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Dr. Sylvia Mundy, Commissioner Employment Security Department P.O. Box 9046 Olympia, WA 98507-9046

Dear Dr. Mundy:

This is to inform you that we have approved your Reemployment Services (RES) grant plan for program year (PY) 2004. As in previous years, RES funds are to be used to supplement the Wagner-Peyser Act allotments for increasing services to UI claimants over and above regular services.

We are aware that many of the State of Washington's efforts for reemployment were successful this past year. We note specifically the enhancement of direct service delivery to UI claimants. You also mentioned that integrating services within the One-Stop Centers with a link to the Call Centers has been beneficial. We can appreciate that the key to a successful claimant reemployment program comes from providing services based on the claimants' needs. We were also pleased to hear that a full range of seamless services to UI claimants were linked to the TeleCenters, WIA Title IB, and State-funded as well as other training.

We continue to emphasize the need for integration with the RES grant and One-Stop Center partner programs and services so that UI claimants can benefit from the full array of services available to help them return to work as soon as possible. Since UI claims are taken and processed through UI Call Centers, we are very interested in your strategies and procedures to link the Call Centers with the One-Stop Center system in your State.

Federal obligation of funds was issued November 4, 2005 in the amount of \$420,872 (50% of your total annual allotment) by way of a Notice of Obligation from the grant officer. Now that your RES grant plan has been approved, the remainder of this year's funds can be issued. The RES grant will be included in the current Wagner-Peyser Annual Funding Agreement. The Assurances and Certification that apply to all grants are covered in the Agreement.

We look forward to working with your staff in the continued effort to improve service strategies to help get UI claimants back to work. The federal project officer for your RES grant is Gay Johnson. She can be reached at (206) 553-4543, extension 8015, or via email at johnson.gay@dol.gov if you have any questions.

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